

COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST
Republic Ranger District
Kettle Falls, Washington

Order No. 15-21-11
FOREST ORDER
Special Order

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b) the following acts are prohibited on designated portions of National Forest System land and trails within the boundary shown on the attached map, on the Three Rivers Ranger District of the Colville National Forest.


1. **To go into or be upon any area which is closed for the protection of public health or safety.** For the purpose of this order, it is prohibited to occupy or be upon National Forest System lands south of State Route 20(west of Republic), west of State Route 21 (south of Republic) north of the Colville Indian Reservation and east of the Okanogan Forest Boundary [36 CFR 261.53(e)].
2. **Being on the road.** For the purpose of this order, all methods of travel and use are prohibited on National Forest System Roads south of State Route 20(west of Republic), west of State Route 21 (south of Republic) north of the Colville Indian Reservation and east of the Okanogan Forest Boundary [36 CFR 261.54(e)].
3. **Being on the trail.** For the purpose of this order, all methods of travel and use are prohibited on all trails south of State Route 20(west of Republic), west of State Route 21 (south of Republic) north of the Colville Indian Reservation and east of the Okanogan Forest Boundary [36 CFR 261.55(a)].

This closure is effective beginning September 7, 2015, and will remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Contractors, their agents and employees when in performance of official business are exempt from this prohibition.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.
Done at Colville, Washington this 7th day of September, 2015.


Rodney Smoldon
Acting Forest Supervisor
Colville National Forest

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. **Background:** Description of problem and why the order is proposed. The appropriate staff prepares the order and ensures all other required documentation is completed. Due to the fire activity the described area is closed to all non-essential traffic, All Forest Service lands north of the Colville Indian Reservation, west of State Route 21 (south of Republic), South of State Route 20 (west of Republic) and east of the Okanogan Forest Boundary. The large number of firefighters, heavy equipment and emergency vehicle traffic makes the roads in this area unsafe for public traffic. Due to the nature of the fire and terrain in the area around the fire is not safe for hikers or campers.

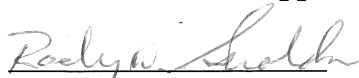
2. **Intent of Subpart B order:** The rationale behind the order and what should be accomplished.

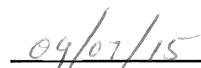
Provide for public and worker safety by controlling vehicle movement, hikers and camping in the indicated area. There will be increased foot traffic and Heavy Equipment traffic in the area. There will be aircraft making water and retardant drops as needed. Operation's restricting the vehicle traffic and ground movements the potential safety hazards associated with this activity will be mitigated. These restrictions will be in effect until the fire is under control and the area is safe.

3. **Enforcement Plan:** The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety.

Action	Responsible Official	Date
Prepare proposed order(s)	John Kennedy	09/04/2015
Approve proposed order(s)	Rodney Smoldon, Acting Forest Supervisor	09/04/2015
Post Order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51.		
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	Franklin Pemberton	09/04/2015
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	Monitor/enforce orders through routine patrols conducted by Law Enforcement Officers assigned to the Colville NF and Republic RD FPOs. Post "Road Closed" signs at road junctions to notify users of changed conditions and closures.	Ongoing

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:


Rodney Smoldon
Acting Forest Supervisor


Date

Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559 and 3571).

TERMINATION OF ORDER
COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the prohibition(s) listed in Order No. 15-21-06 applicable to the Colville National Forest, dated August 20th, 2015 and signed by Tracy Beck, Acting Forest Supervisor, is hereby terminated.

09/07/15

Date

Rodney D. Smoldon

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Acting Forest Supervisor
Colville National Forest